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Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to write to you in support of HR33 HD1 and HCR28 HD1 which would bring the department of education, department of health, and community stakeholders such as the Sexual Abuse Treatment Center together as a working group to continue to work on sexual violence prevention education in public schools.

Sexual abuse remains a serious and ongoing threat to the safety, health, and wellbeing of children and young people in the State of Hawaii. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013 - 2017 indicated that children and young people in Hawaii experience sexual violence at rates equivalent to or higher than their mainland counterparts, and in some Hawaii counties these rates are substantially higher than elsewhere in the United States.

Given the high incidence of sexual abuse perpetrated against minors, it is important that children and young people in Hawaii be taught the knowledge and skills they need to protect themselves against sexual assault, obtain help to end abuse as quickly as possible, and create a strong culture of respect and non-violence. Moreover, it is critical that parents, educators, and school staff receive sufficient training and information to understand key sexual violence issues and how to respond appropriately.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Hawaii is a state-wide organization made up of six branches (Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Kona, Maui, and Windward Oahu) and includes just over 450 active members with over 1700 supporters statewide. As advocates for gender equity, AAUW of Hawaii promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons.

Please pass this resolution so we can improve the delivery of sexual violence prevention education and training in Hawaii.



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Date: April 3, 2019

To: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

From: Justin Murakami, Manager, Prevention Education and Public Policy
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center
A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of H.R. 33 H.D. 1 and H.C.R. 28 H.D. 1
Encouraging the Department of Education and other stakeholders to meet
as a working group for sexual violence prevention in public schools.

Good afternoon Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the
House Committee on Judiciary:

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) strongly supports H.R. 33 H.D. 1 and
H.C.R. 28 H.D. 1.

Sexual abuse remains a serious and ongoing threat to the safety, health, and
wellbeing of children and young people in the State of Hawaii.

Our local experience is instructive: more than half of the many thousands of
survivors on Oahu that have historically received SATC's services were younger
than 18 years old at the time they were assaulted. In addition, we note that the U.S.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey
2013 - 2017 indicated that children and young people in Hawaii experience sexual
violence at rates equivalent to or higher than their mainland counterparts, and in
some Hawaii counties these rates are substantially higher than elsewhere in the
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that children and young people in Hawaii be taught the knowledge and skills they
need to protect themselves against sexual assault, obtain help to end abuse as
quickly as possible, and create a strong culture of respect and non-violence.
Moreover, it is critical that parents, educators, and school staff receive sufficient
training and information to understand key sexual violence issues and how to
respond appropriately.

Recognizing this need, the Department of Education (DOE), the Department of
Health (DOH), and SATC are working together and gathering a group of government

and community stakeholders to review and improve the delivery of sexual violence prevention education and training in Hawaii.

H.R. 33 H.D. 1 and H.C.R. 28 H.D. 1 would further support this effort by encouraging the voluntarily convened working group to continue meeting, and by requesting that the group timely report to the Legislature and the Board of Education about the progress of our work and relevant policy and resource recommendations.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of H.R. 33 H.D. 1 and H.C.R. 28 H.D. 1.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

RE: HCR28/HR33 -ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND OTHER AGENCY AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO CONTINUE
MEETING AS A WORKING GROUP FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION
EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HCR 28/HR 33**, encouraging the Department of Education and other agency and community stakeholders to continue meeting as a working group for sexual violence prevention education in public schools.

Schools are, perhaps, the one social institution outside of the family in which children have constant contact with adults and their peers. It is an optimal place, then, to help protect children in danger of sexual violence and exploitation.

Teachers are naturally empathetic toward their students. Yet, studies have shown that up to 81 percent of teachers receive little preservice information about abuse and neglect and only 66 percent have been given inservice (on the job) information. Programs currently exist, in Hawai'i, to train teachers and staff, and provide sexual violence prevention education and support for students of sexual violence, but implementation of these programs is woefully inconsistent. It is important that both teachers and students be informed on how to prevent sexual violence and who to turn to for support if it unfortunately occurs.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013 – 2017, it indicated that children and young people in Hawaii experience sexual violence at rates equivalent to or higher than their mainland counterparts, and in some Hawaii counties these rates are substantially higher than elsewhere in the United States.



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We are thankful that this working group covers sex trafficking as well. Anti-trafficking lessons are frequently requested by public school teachers to combat student exploitation and are included in coordinated protocols being developed for the Department of Education, Department of Human Service's Child Welfare System, and Family Courts. Sex trafficking is differentially defined from sexual abuse as the use of "force, fraud, or coercion" in compel someone into the commercial sex trade. Public school students—or children who *should* be in school, but are instead sexually enslaved—can and have been found working as prostitutes at local massage parlors, strip clubs, hostess bars, and the streets of high-risk areas, and are advertised daily on websites like Backpage.com. The average age of a victim's entry into sexual exploitation is in the early to middle teenage years, with vulnerability to exploitation being heightened by prior traumatic incidents, including sexual abuse.

Since schools are primary gathering locations for children, they are also prime targets for pimps, johns, and traffickers, so much so that in 2011, lawmakers added the crime of "solicitation of prostitution near schools or public parks" (HRS 712-1209) to our criminal code. As we increase departmental capacity for intervening in cases sexual violence and abuse, so must we safeguard against the closely related crime of sexual exploitation and provide educators with the tools needed to ease victims' reentry into the classroom setting.

To protect our keiki from sexual exploitation and sexual violence, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks that your committee to **support** HCR 28/HR 33.

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